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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, CU, HO

SUBJECT: GOH POSTURE AT QUITO MFM

- 1. AMBASSADOR HAD CONVERSATION WITH ACTING FONMIN PINEDA ON NOVEMBER 15 AFTER PINEDA'S RETURN FROM QUITO. PINEDA EMPHASIZED THAT HE HAD TRIED TO PRESENT A VERY CLEAR GOH POSITION AT CONFERENCE IN REGARD TO LIFTING THE SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE GOH IS IN FAVOR OF LIFTING SANCTIONS IT IS ALSO COMMITTED TO OBSERVING THE JUDICIAL PROCESSES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THE USG COMMITMENT TO HONOR TREATY PROVISIONS.
- 2. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT STORIES HAD APPEARED IN THE PRESS REPORTING THAT PINEDA HAD STATED IN QUITO HONDURAS CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL TIES WITH CUBA.

PINEDA RESPONDED THAT HE HAD SAID NO SUCH THING. HE
EMPHASIZED THAT IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCES HE HAD TAKEN
PAINS TO AVAID ANY STATEMENT WHICH COULD BE SO CONSTRUED.
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